



**PATENT
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kouichi SASHIHARA
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

an Amended Claim Set and Remarks.